



2026 MAPT Summer Conference June 24-26, 2026

January 12, 2026

Greetings from the Mississippi Association of Pupil Transportation Board Members:

The Mississippi Association of Pupil Transportation Summer Conference is the state association's premier event of the year that gives unmatched opportunities for the local school district's transportation department to hear the latest information on the school transportation industry. Coupled with our vendor tabletop displays, group dinners, and keynote speakers on the hottest topics in the industry, this conference is not to be missed.

We are excited to announce the conference dates for the 2026 MAPT Summer Conference. The conference will begin on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, and will conclude on Friday, June 26, 2026, at the Cadence Bank Arena & Conference Center, 375 E. Main Street in Tupelo, MS. All meetings and workshops will be held at the arena.

Hotel Information

MAPT Board has contracted with four (4) hotels in Tupelo, MS:

- Hilton Garden Inn (Tupelo) 662-718-5500
- Hotel Tupelo 662-362-6200
- Tru by Hilton (Tupelo) 662-871-8304
- Spark by Hilton (Tupelo) 662- 680-8887

Conference Registration

The MAPT Early Bird Registration fee is \$150.00 per person. The form along with payment must be received by February 28, 2026. Registration fee of \$200.00 per person will begin on March 1 – June 24, 2026 (Additional Guest - \$45.00). **Checks should be made payable to Mississippi Association of Pupil Transportation. Please mail your check or money order to MAPT Summer Conference 2026, c/o Cindy Holmes, 254 West Gallatin Street, Hazlehurst, MS 39083.**

Bus Rodeo/ Golf Tournament /Conference/ Workshop

The MAPT Summer Conference will begin on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. If you are interested in competing in the Bus Rodeo or Golf Tournament, please be sure to register by the deadline on May 30, 2026. We are asking for two (2) participants from each school district to compete in the Bus Rodeo.

- MAPT Board Meeting - 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Round Table Discussion – Transportation Directors 4:30 p.m.
- Opening Session – 5:00 p.m.

Vendors

Vendors will be available throughout the MAPT Summer Conference.



Additional Information – Touring the City of Tupelo for early arrival guest. There will be a cost to enter the Venues.

Please email the following MAPT Board Members for questions or any other information

President, Ms. Talece Hudson, Greenwood-Leflore Consolidated, thudson@glcsd.org

1st Vice President, Mr. Randy Weathersby, Rankin County School District, rweatherby@rcsd.ms

2nd Vice President, Mr. Levi Williams, Desoto County School District, levi.williams@dcsms.org

Secretary, Ms. Betty Joe Peterson, Picayune School District, bpeterson@pcu.k12.ms.us

Co-Treasurer, Mr. Dwight Knight, Cline Tours, dwight@clinetours.com

Co-Treasurer/Web Site Administrator, Mr. Caleb Thompson, Leake County School District, cthompson@leakesd.org

Vendor Organizer, Mr. Henry Alexander, Cleveland School District, halexander@cleveland.k12.ms.us



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Cadence Bank and Arena Conference Center

Tupelo, MS

REGISTRATION FORM

The early registration (January 5 – February 28, 2026) fee is \$150.00 per person. Registration fee of \$200.00 will begin on March 1 – June 24, 2026 (Additional Guest - \$45.00). Vendor Fee: \$550.00 - 1st booth, \$400.00 - 2nd booth and \$350.00 – 3rd booth per vendor. Registration Deadline: May 30, 2026

A form is required for EACH person attending the conference.

Name: _____

Title: _____

School District: _____

School Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Vendor Information

Vendor Name: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Total Vendor amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks or money orders payable to: Mississippi Association of Pupil Transportation
Mail the registration form along with your check or money order to:

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